

Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – February 7, 2022 10:30 AM

- Hello everyone.
- As you have seen in the media, Ottawa Police and Bylaw have stepped up enforcement activities:
 - Hundreds of tickets have been issued.
 - Based on media reporting: 357 Friday night/Saturday; another 450 Saturday to Sunday morning; and 100 Sunday (total 907).
 - Over 60 criminal investigations are underway, 11 of which relate to hate crimes, and several arrests have been made.
 - As reported yesterday, Confederation Park has been cleared, fenced and the large structure has been moved. The situation remains stable.
 - And last night, Ottawa Police seized 3,200 litres of fuel being stored in the parking lot at Coventry Road. Multiple vehicles were also seized.
 - At least five arrests were made yesterday – three downtown for mischief and two as part of the seizures at Jetform Park.
- The Mayor has declared a state of emergency in the City of Ottawa. This is more of an administrative tool at the municipal level to cut the red tape in procurement policy. It does not provide the Mayor or Ottawa Police with any additional legal authority.
- The RCMP has made upwards of 275 members available to assist the Ottawa Police Service, and these members were sworn in under the Ottawa Police's command late February 5th. These resources include tactical troops, joint

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intelligence and operational teams and community liaison teams to name a few.

- On a daily basis – and to ensure the RCMP has the necessary resources in the National Capital Region to support its Protective Policing mandate – the RCMP is deploying approximately 50 members in support of the Ottawa Police Service.
- OPP resources, as well as those from a number of other police services, have also been deployed in support.
- In terms of what is happening downtown and across the country, I don't have many updates from this morning – as we have seen, these groups seem to be active in the afternoons and evenings.
- There were no demonstrators on Parliament Hill or Wellington Street as of 9:00 this morning. An estimated 500 trucks are in the downtown core.
- As of 8:00 PM yesterday, the blockade in Sarnia was concluded, and the 402 Westbound lanes were re-opened.
- The situations in Toronto and Quebec seem to have resolved, although police are remaining on site today.
- The situation in Coutts Alberta persists. As of yesterday, there were a number of commercial vehicles lining the northbound and southbound lanes of highway 4. Traffic was flowing with a few delays, with one lane open in each direction.
- At checkpoint 10, the RCMP checkpoint 18 km north of Coutts, there were a number of vehicles including passenger and commercial vehicles, campers and tractors (total of over 350) and 400 people.

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- We continue to engage both the protestors and the community members both at the main site and at checkpoint 10, and are working with the protestors and the community to develop a process to move the protestors at checkpoint 10 to an area that would allow them to have a legal protest, this would enhance police and public safety.
- The return to Parliament went smoothly last week, with Parliamentarians able to access the Hill. As of late last week, ingress and egress to and from the Supreme Court was also being provided to eight of our Justices. The same processes are in place for this week.
- We continue to monitor for any changes in the threat level, and have increased patrols in some areas as a precautionary measure.
- This morning during a media availability, Mayor Watson said the city will be bringing in more police and resources to end the demonstration in the coming days. We are waiting to hear the details of this potential resource ask, and will continue to engage with our partners as the week progresses.
- Thank you.

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